THE TRUE NARRATIVE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT Surry-ASSIZES, HOLDEN At Kingstone upon Thames:

Which began on Munday the 19th of the instant *July*; and ended on Thursday the two and twentieth following.

Giving an Account of most of the remarkable Trials there, more particularly of the Persons Condemned to die, *viz.*, Thomas Smith *alias* Vavazar, for Robbing on the High-way, Isaiah Trot, Mary Trot, David Searl for Fellonies and Burglaries. Thomas Goodier, for the same; *James* Christian for Murdering Robert Burril the Waterman, Francis Stoker and William Gandy for Horsstealing. with an account of those burn'd in the hand, Transported and to be whipt.

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Mark Smith, alias *Vavazar*, and *Thomas Smith*, were Indicted and Arraigned, for that they, in the Company of seven more, did set upon three several persons, in the Kings High-way, near a place called *Peckham-Gap*, between the Half-way-house, and Kentstreet end; the first of which being one *John Wakeman*, a Country Farmer, who when they had knocked him off his Horse, did beat and abuse him most barbarously; rifling him of what monies he had about him, whilst this was doing, came Riding up one Mr. *Alderson*, which they perceiving, so bold they were, as to leave one of their Gang with a naked sword, to watch *Wakeman* before mentioned, whilst the other eight went and set upon him, bidding him stand and deliver, and by odds of number, soon overpowered him, while this was doing, up came one *John Carter*, driving an empty Coach,

whom they endeavoured likewise to surprise; But he with his Whip defended himself till he got clear of them, the reason of which was, because the two beforementioned, made resistance; so that the Thieves fearing to be overpowered, was forced to be contented with what Plunder they had got; but the two Prisoners shortly after being apprehended, were committed, and now upon their Trials Mr. *Alderson* swore the former to be one of them that robed him; and that he held him with one hand, and searched his Pocket with the other, upon which he was found Guilty of the Robery. but there being no positive proof against the latter, he was acquitted; yet notwithstanding he being a notorious Thief, and supposed to be in this Robery, was continued in Prison till he could find Sureties for his good Behaviour.

Mabel Gurding, alias *Gurdian*, a notorious Offendor, was tried for stealing a Diamond Ring valued at 14 pounds, a stone Ring, vallued at four pounds, another Ring vallued at forty shillings; a [illegible] shillings, and other goods of Vallue, out of the Chamber of one Mrs. *Pinebbeck* in *Covent-garden*, the Rings she pawn'd to a Broaker in Kentstreet for three pound, saying that her Husband was a Chirurgion living in the Park, and that he had them of his Patients to borrow monies on them, for his and their occasions, But not long after, printed Bills coming out for the saying such Goods, The Broaker made known the receiving of them to the next Justice of Peace, and in a short space afterward found out the now Prisoner, and caused her to be apprehended, She pleaded at the Bar that she only pawned them for a Gentlewoman, but the said Woman not being to be found she was brought in Guilty to the Vallue of seven and six pence.

Robert Hafel a Man about 60 years of Age, was tried for Barbarously murthering one *Charles Bragg*, the circumstances thus, the deceased coming to untruss a Point against the Prisoners Wall, he came out and fell upon him after a most inhuman manner, Beating and Kicking him when he was down and rubing his Oridner in his Face, so that the deceased being a sick weak Man, was no ways able to defend himself; he being carried home to his House in the Parish of *St. Mary Newington Buts*, from the Prisoner, in less than three days space he died, Vomiting Blood extreamly. To the Proof of this the Prisoner pleaded provocation, but there being none testified or made out, nor that the deceased gave the Prisoner so much as an ill Word, he was brought in Guilty of Manslaughter only, the which by many was conjectured to be in respect of his Age.

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Nicholas Catman was likewise Tried for the Murther of his Brother Waterman, the circumstances thus, a person of Quality coming to take Water at the New Exchange Stairs, there arose a Contest between the deceased and the Prisoner, about carrying him; which grew so hot, that on the Wherries twelve, he strook the Prisoner over the head, and run his Boat-hook into his Mouth making it bleed excessively; whereupon, the Prisoner enraged, took up his Arrester, and with the same gave him such a blow on the forepart of the head as broke his Scull, of which in a short time he died; but by reason of the fight that happened between them, the jury perceived it was no premeditated Malice, and so brought him in Guilty of Manslaughter only.

Thomas Goodgier was Indicted for breaking open the House of *Jane Lawel*, in St. Olives Southwark, and taking from thence one Silver Cup valued at forty shillings, and several other Goods to a considerable vallue, to which Indictment he pleaded Guilty, not could be perswaded to do otherwise, the Goods being delivered to one Elizabeth Terry to dispose of, she was likewise Indicted for a cherisher of Thieves, and found Guilty of the same, though she pleaded ignorance, and alledged she knew not in the least, that they were stolen Goods, but that he told her he had them of eminent persons to sell for them, by reason they were ashamed to be seen selling of them themselves.

Isaiah Trot, Mary Trot, David Searle, Roger Wilson and Susannah, alias Lee, were Indicted for breaking open the Shop of one Mr. Collins in the Parish of St. Olives Southwark, on the twenty third of March last, the circumstances as followeth, Mary Trot coming into the aforesaid Collins's Shop cheapened to buy Linnen, but not agreeing for it, went out again, and as she went out again, and as she went was observed to mark the fashion of the Door and with Chaulk set A C. thereon, the next night after this, the Shop being Rob'd of Ribbon, Flannel, Callicoes, Shirts, Holland, Doulas, and several other goods to the vallue of 50 pounds and upwards, upon search part of the Goods were found where Mary Trot the Prisoner had sold them, who being apprehended confessed the Fact, as likewise another piece was found in the custody of Isaiah Trot a shirt and pair of Drawers upon David Searle who was then in Newgate so that upon full evidence and their former Confessions, they were found Guilty of the Fellony and Burglary, but Maden and Trot being only Indicted as Accessary, were acquitted of that Indictment but Maden being known to be a notorious Offendor the Court ordered a second to be drawn up against him as for being a principle in the Robery, of which there being no positive proof, he was likewise acquitted.

James Christian who lat Assizes received Sentance of Death, for murthering one Robert Burril a waterman, in the Parish of Roderiff, by striking him over the head and face with a Rope and a Boat-hook at the end of it, having got a Pardon, was this Assizes appeal'd by the Wife of the deceased, and upon the said Appeal tried again, and it was proved against him, that the deceased being in his Boat asleep, upon some former grudg the Prisoner strook him over the head with the aforesaid Boat hook, and giving him one mortal wound in the forepart of the head of which after six weeks languishing he died, so that there being many threatnings proved that the Prisoner had given the deceased, before that time, and had often beat him, forethought Mallice was adjudged, and he was brought in guilty of the Murther upon the Appeal aforesaid.

Randal Basset, Mary Basset, John Basset, and Mary Harman were Indicted for the murther of a certain person found drowned in a Horse-pond in the yard of Randal Basset of Parla Green, it was proved the man was drinking in the house somewhat late, and that he was found dead in the water the same night or the next

next morning, by *John Basset*, to which the Prisoners pleaded, that he went out from thence, and that they did believe he being overpowered with drink, might fall in, and for want of help, there perish; so that there being no other Evidence than bare suspicion, they were acquitted, and order given for the suppressing their Licenses.

Francis Stocker received his Trial for stealing a Gelding valued at 6 pounds from one *Nicholas Cowes*, the which he sold to one *Hadlar* at *Croydon*, who being apprehended, brought out the now Prisoner; who pleaded that the Gelding was none of his, but that he sold him for another man; but proof being brought, that the Prisoner took the monies for him, and was so curious as to throw back one Brass shilling, he was found guilty.

William Gandy was likewise tried for stealing a Horse, which being found in his possession, he could not deny the Theft, and

George Clark and *Mary Clark* of the *Mint* in *Southwark* were Indicted for High Treason, for that they had Clipped and Coined the Kings Coin, five pounds of Clipped monies being upon search found upon the Table, several pieces of melted Silver, Crucibles and several other Coining Instruments, the which they denied to be theirs, so that for want of a stronger Evidence they were acquitted.

Thomas Prick-Adamer, was Indicted for stealing several goods and was brought in Guilty to the Vallue of six pence.

Samuel Hurst was Indicted for picking the Pocket of one *Roger Eldrid* at *Farnham*, and taking from him four shillings and a Purse, which being proved upon him, he was found guilty.

There were in all eight Condemned to die, four burn'd in the hand, two to be transported, and five to be whipt.

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